

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing secure on-line access to a database of contract information, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5 identifying document access privileges for respective access role levels;
 classifying a user with a respective access role level;
 determining documents to provide to the user, and functionality performable on
the documents based on the respective access role level; and
 providing the documents and the functionality performable on the documents to
10 the user.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising: determining an information location to provide to the user based on the respective access role level;

- 15 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising: providing the information location to the user.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the information location includes one of: a document location, a communications location, a document processing location.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising: providing documents specific information in response to the selection of a function performable on a document.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising: providing functionality performable on the document specific information.

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7. The method of claim 6, further comprising: restricting the execution of a function performable on the document specific information based on the respective access role level.

10 8. A system for providing secure on-line access to a database of contract information comprising:

a first computer for:

identifying document access privileges for respective access role levels;

classifying a user with a respective access role level;

15 determining documents to provide to the user, and functionality

performable on the documents based on the respective access role level;

and

providing the documents and the functionality performable on the documents to the user.

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9. The system of claim 8, further comprising: the first computer for determining an information location to provide to the user based on the respective access role level;

10. The system of claim 9, further comprising: the first computer for providing the
5 information location to the user.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the information location includes one of: a document location, a communications location, a document processing location.

10 12 The system of claim 8, further comprising: the first computer for providing documents specific information in response to the selection of a function performable on a document.

13. The system of claim 12, further comprising: the first computer for providing
15 functionality performable on the document specific information.

14. The system of claim 13, further comprising: the first computer for restricting the execution of a function performable on the document specific information based on the respective access role level.

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15. The system of claim 8, further comprising: a network coupled to the first computer.

16. The system of claim 9, further comprising: a second computer, coupled to the network and the first computer, for accessing the first computer.